

WILL MEET VERY SOON

Presbyterian Congo Committee Called for a Session.

MORRISON ISSUES LETTER

Calls the Belgian King a Conscienceless Fellow, Blatant and Bold—Describes Conditions in African States.

The committee appointed by the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church to call the attention of the United States government to the inhumanities practiced or permitted in the Congo by the Belgian King, has been called to meet on November 3d in Washington.

Two members of the committee met in Washington in July, but failed to see the President, and the Secretary of State, since both of them were away from the capital at the time. The matter was laid before the State Department, but the government has not yet taken hold of the matter and will probably not do so unless it is pushed. The second meeting now called is for the purpose of doing this pushing and getting the United States to intervene in behalf of the suffering natives.

THE MISSIONS LETTER.

In connection with the forthcoming meeting which promises to be one of some importance, the Rev. W. M. Morrison, the Presbyterian missionary, who has recently returned from the Congo, and whose revelations startled the country, has issued a brief paper of the nature of an address to the Presbyterians of the South. It is a paper that is written with the view of asking all the friends of liberty and humanity, and especially those interested in the African missions, if they will not unite in prayer to God that he may make bare his power in delivering the down-trodden native people from under the heel of the tyrant, and also that he may take away all the barriers "the wicked government" has placed in the way of the progress of the gospel.

In the course of his paper Mr. Morrison gives a description of the conditions for which Leopold, King of Belgium, is in great measure responsible. "Being a nature a conscienceless, heartless and cruel fellow," says the missionary, "it is now not surprising to learn that, though he made many good promises at the time the trust was committed to him, he is now openly and defiantly violating these promises, and is outraging the Christian conscience of the world by his iniquitous government there. At the time of his appointment to be absolute ruler of these 30,000,000 of natives and the conservator of civilization and Christianity in that great region, the Powers thought to bind him by certain treaty obligations, which he was bound to abide by. One of these was that slavery was to be put down and everything done to ameliorate the condition of the native people. I may be bold to say that, owing to the new system of forced military and labor laws now in operation there, by which the people are compelled to serve in the army and to labor on public works of all kinds, accompanied with innumerable instances of cruelty and the most heartless atrocities, the natives are reduced to a condition of serfdom far worse than existed under the Arab regime. I could give, if necessary, many instances of these cruelties, which have come under my personal observation. Time and again I, acting under authority of our mission there, have called the attention of the King and his government to this situation of affairs. Nothing has ever been done, and no one has ever been punished that I know of, though the King has always pretended to wait to punish his officers and the soldiers who commit these atrocities. But it can easily be seen that the King himself and the whole system of government are to blame, and not the often innocent, white officers and native soldiers who can only execute the orders sent them by the central government at Brussels."

Another important stipulation of the treaty was that no hindrance whatsoever was to be put in the way of missions of every kind in carrying on their work. I am sorry to say that so blatant and bold has the King become in his system of treaty breaking, that during the past four or five years it has been utterly impossible for our missions to buy a single square inch of land on which to open up and carry on any new work in places other than those already occupied by us. This action of the government strikes at the very root of our mission work and progress. Already we have been injured more than we can estimate by this interference."

SHOULD ATTEND CHURCH

Central Deplores a Condition of Things Standly Growing.

The Central Presbyterian, of this city, prints a long leading editorial this week deploring the growing belief among many people that the obligation to attend the public worship of the churches has no rightful authority over the individual whatever. The gist of the argument is contained in the following paragraph: "But the obligation for attendance upon the services of the church of God does

CATARRH A COMMON COMPLAINT.

Catarrh begins with a stubborn cold in the head, inflammation or soreness of the membrane or lining of the nose, discharge of mucus matter, headaches, neuralgia and difficult breathing, and even in this early stage is almost intolerable. But when the filthy secretions begin to drop back into the throat and stomach, and the blood becomes polluted and the system contaminated by the catarrhal poison, then the sufferer begins to realize what a disgusting and sickening disease Catarrh is. It affects the kidneys and stomach as well as other parts of the body. It is a constitutional disease and as inhaling mixtures, salves, ointments, etc., are never more than palliative or helpful, even in the beginning of Catarrh, what can you expect from such treatment when it becomes chronic and the whole system affected? Only such a remedy as S. S. S. can reach this obstinate, deep-seated disease and purge the blood of the catarrhal poison. S. S. S. purifies and builds up the diseased blood, and the inflamed membranes are healed and the excessive secretion of mucus ceases when new, rich blood is coming to the diseased parts, and a permanent cure is the result.

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